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U.Md., Baltimore County President Hrabowski announced as commencement speaker at February Board of Trustees' meeting



Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, III, president of The University of Maryland, Baltimore County, will be the speaker for Gallaudet's 2004 commencement exercises on May 14. The announcement was made by President Jordan at the February 6 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Hrabowski, who has served as president of the U.Md. campus since 1992, is well-known at Gallaudet. He delivered the keynote address for Enrichment Day in October 2002, which carried the theme, "Planning for the Gallaudet Student Now and in the Future." He identified three critical issues that institutions of higher learning today must face: the changing racial and ethnic composition of students, the role of technology on higher education, and the need to impart a high sense of integrity among students.

Born in 1950 in Birmingham, Ala., Hrabowski graduated at 19 from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), Hampton, Va., with highest honors in mathe-

matics, and he received his master's degree in mathematics and his Ph.D. in higher education administration/statistics at 24 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Hrabowski's research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, and universities and school systems nationally, and he sits on numerous corporate and civic boards.

Hrabowski is coauthor of the books, *Overcoming the Odds: Raising Academically Successful African American Young Women*, and *Beating the Odds, Raising Academically Successful African American Males*.

Actions taken by the Board of Trustees at its February meeting included:

- approving a non-clinical master's of science degree in hearing, speech, and language sciences for students who will not pursue credentials required for the clinical practice of audiology or speech pathology;
- approving an amendment to the Faculty Guidelines addressing the procedures and timelines the University will follow in assisting faculty who are not American citizens in their application for permanent authorization to work in the United States;
- giving the University the authority to carry over up to 2 percent of its general operating budget

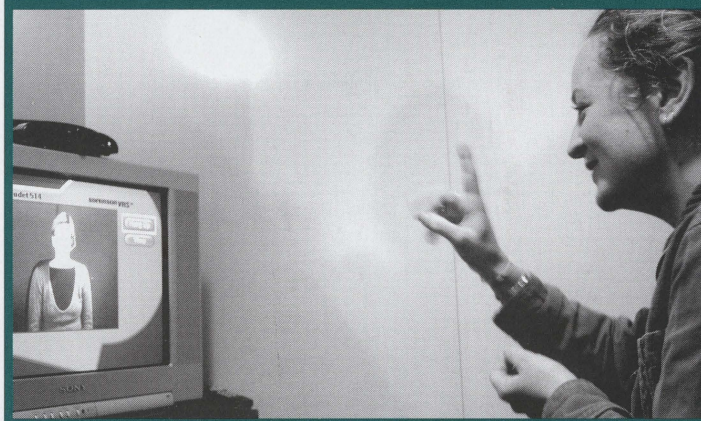
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Provost Jane Fernandes' January 30 campus e-mail announcing that the Academic Affairs Planning Committee had submitted to her its list of recommended priorities charting the future direction of Academic Affairs capped more than a year of work that involved the entire campus. The intensive effort that led to this achievement was detailed to the Board of Trustees on February 6 by Dr. Fernandes (above). In addition, Special Assistant to the President for Planning Fred Weiner explained to the board how A-RAP, the University's strategic planning process, provides the framework for AAPC and other Gallaudet planning efforts. (For example, recommended priorities for the 2005 and 2006 fiscal years to support directions and priorities proposed by the AAPC were announced to the campus by President Jordan on February 4.) Fernandes explained that the AAPC process, led by committee co-chairs Janet Pray and Isaac Agboola, has been open and inclusive. "We are shaping Academic Affairs and Gallaudet's future, rather than simply preparing for it or adapting to it," said Fernandes. "We have to change to maintain our position of excellence." The provost described the multiple avenues created to ensure opportunities for input from the entire campus community. These culminated with the campuswide Enrichment Day on October 14. Fernandes also outlined the timetable leading to implementation in fall 2004, which she called "a big challenge ... but I think everyone here agrees we are more than ready for change" to take place. "I'm impressed! This report is very well-written, and the directions and priorities are right on target," was Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson's reaction to the presentation. Board member Susan Dickinson added, "I applaud your vision, and the renewed concept of a liberal arts education that includes increased focus on preparing students for the world of work. This is all very exciting." (Pictured at left is new board member L. Richard "Dick" Kinney. At right are GIS interpreters Jeff Hardison, Paul Harrelson, and Carolyn Ressler).



Members of the campus community can now make video relay calls from 10 new videophone booths located conveniently around campus. The videophone booths were developed and donated to Gallaudet by Sorenson Media to complement the company's thriving Video Relay Service (VRS). Sorenson's CEO, James Lee Sorenson, Jr., joined President Jordan in announcing the installation of the videophone booths February 2 at an official unveiling ceremony in the Student Union Building. For over a year, Gallaudet has partnered with Sorenson in providing VRS to the Gallaudet community and beyond. Interpreters from Gallaudet Interpreting Service, along with a network of interpreters across the nation, respond to calls made by deaf people using a Sorenson VP-100 videophone. (Above) Dr. Jordan greets Sorenson at the ceremony. During the visit, Sorenson accepted Jordan's offer to join the University's Board of Associates. (Below) Sophomore Alison Tyler speaks to her grandmother via a video relay interpreter at the ceremony.



Gallaudet receives \$100.2 million appropriation for 2004

President George W. Bush's recent signing of the government-wide 2004 spending bill includes a \$100.2 million appropriation for Gallaudet, \$4 million above the forecast developed by the University Budget Committee. The news came in a February 10 campus e-mail from President Jordan, who began the note by stating, "I have good news to share with you."

Dr. Jordan explained that last spring the Board of Trustees approved a University Budget Committee-recommended budget that included an FY 2004 appropriation forecasted to be \$96.2 million. This forecast was based on President Bush's FY 2004 budget of \$94.4 million and Gallaudet's FY 2003 appropriation of \$97.8 million. At its February 6 meeting the

Board of Trustees approved a spending plan for the additional \$4 million.

"The final amount shows the appreciation that our supporters in Congress and the Administration have for the good work that is done by members of the Gallaudet community," said Jordan. "The \$100.2 million will allow us to move forward with University priorities."

Jordan added, "I am sure you are as pleased as I am for the generous support that Congress and the Administration has given to Gallaudet University. Thank you for all your hard work to support our students and for striving to make the Gallaudet experience a positive one for those whose lives we touch."




Giving From the Heart

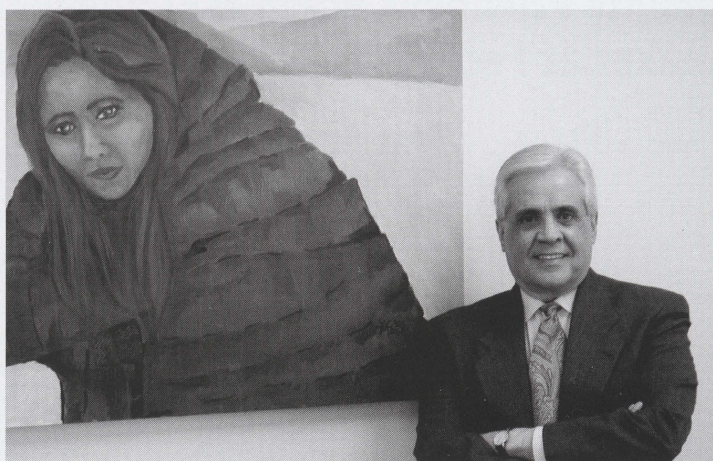
Dr. William Moses, professor, Art Department

Dr. William Moses has served in both faculty and administrative positions in multiple disciplines at Gallaudet. During his 26 years at Gallaudet, he has used his expertise in silk painting, fabric sculpture, fiber art, and psychodrama to teach and inspire students. Before coming to the University, he taught at Kent State University, Case Western Reserve University, and Western Connecticut State University. Moses came to Gallaudet ready for a challenge and found that and much more. A President's Circle* donor who

gives to Art Department scholarships, supported the Unite For Gallaudet capital campaign, and is a Faculty Fellow in the Development Office, Moses said, "I believe in what Gallaudet can do for our students. I see the huge changes it makes for them in their personal and professional lives and the doors the University can open for them."

While Gallaudet opens doors to students, it is dedicated people like Moses who provide the keys. 

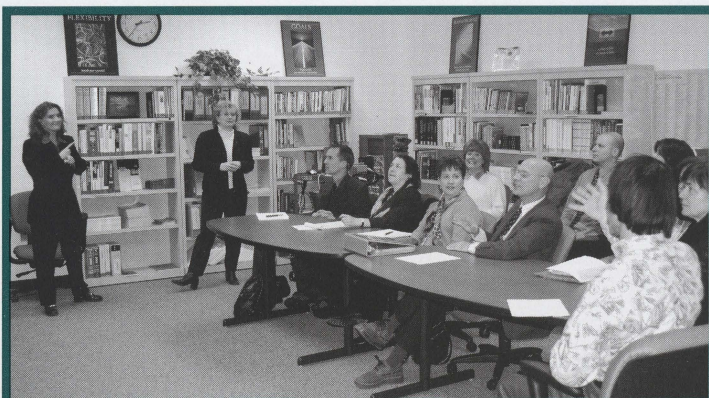
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Dr. William Moses is shown with one of his paintings.

AMONG OURSELVES

Bernard Brown, an assistant professor in the Department of Business and former CEO of Master Builder of Connecticut, Inc., will discuss his experiences starting up a businesses and what it takes for a deaf or hard of hearing person to be a successful entrepreneur on March 1 from noon to 1 p.m. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, Room 215. The library is located at 901 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.



Career Center staff members Deborah Barron (standing, right), career library specialist, and Pamela Mower (left), employer recruiter, give a presentation on accessibility issues in the workplace to members of the World Bank Human Resources Office on January 29. The World Bank, which has offices around the world, sought Gallaudet's expertise in improving accessibility in a large-scale institution. As an example of its efforts to increase hiring among the disability community, World Bank President James Wolfenson, who visited Gallaudet and met with President Jordan during the summer, has hired Gallaudet alumna Andrea Shettle to work in the World Bank's research department. In addition, Gallaudet students Jennifer Stack and Vladimir Kotenev are scheduled for internships. The World Bank is actively seeking to hire more Gallaudet students for career opportunities and for internships. Jon Miller, manager of the World Bank Fitness Center said, "We want to let the people at Gallaudet know that the World Bank wants deaf and hard of hearing graduates to apply for work at the Bank and that we're creating a welcoming environment to ensure accessibility." While they were on campus, the group also met with 'Bunmi Aina, director of the Office for International Programs and Services, and Sharon Hayes, international program specialist in the Center for Global Education, to learn more about barriers that international students face in employment in their home countries, especially without the benefit of the ADA. World Bank members pictured are (seated, from left): Jonathan Miller, Sheila Reines, Judy Merrill, Cheri Bennett, Bernard Demure, Roswitha Scheu, and Naoto Oka. (Also pictured, in back, are GIS interpreters Bruce Riley and Elizabeth Graham.)

PERSONNEL NOTES

January service awards

Five years:

Adrienne Campbell, administrative secretary II, Student Center; **Slemo Warigon**, director, Audit and Management Advisory Services; **Patricia Johnson**, administrative secretary I, Communication Studies; **Marcia Schweitzer**, field placement specialist, Social Work

Ten years:

Iva Williams, secretary III, Bookstore; **Juanita Cebe**, theatrical coordinator, Theatre Arts

Fifteen years:

Susan Hanrahan, director, Campus Life

Twenty years:

Lloyd Ballinger, senior network engineer, Networks and Communications; **Freddie**

Green, mechanic, Maintenance Services; **Harvey Grossinger**, senior database administrator, Information Technology Service; **Carolyn McCaskill-Henry**, assistant professor, ASL and Deaf Studies

Thirty years:

Bettie Waddy-Smith, speech pathologist, Cleric Center

New employees hired in January:

Adam Bartley, interpreter I, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Erin Cohen**, database and management reporting specialist, Cleric Center; **Sharon Goldstein**, aural rehabilitationist, Audiology; **Adam Loggins**, facilities support staff assistant, Distribution Center; **Wendy Wiatrowski**, secretary II, Leadership Training Institute

Promotions in January:

Suzy Seidenberg, Help Desk analyst, Information Technology Service; **Brad Leon**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Stephanie Dickens**, user support specialist, Telecommunications; **Carol Yeh**, coordinator of government relations and institutional reporting, Institutional Research

Retirements in January:

Fred Brandt, Audiology; **Gail Ries**, Graduate School and Professional Programs; **Earlen Cunningham**, Physical Plant Administration; **Marita Danek**, Counseling Department; **Patricia Byrd**, English

Correction: **Sherry Pedersen**, a teacher aide in the Early Childhood Education Team at KDES, was given an incorrect title in the new employees section of the November "Notes from Personnel."



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ROVING REPORTER

What do you think about the new VRS booths donated to Gallaudet by Sorenson Media?



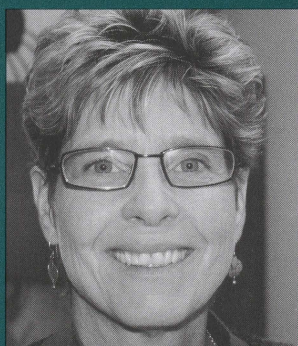
Debra Dasilva, senior staff accountant, Finance Office

The instruction is easy to follow on how to use VRS. The booth is neat, like a photo booth at the mall.



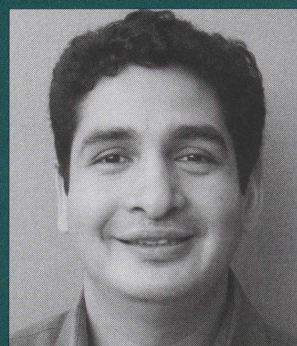
Eve Mitton, records/benefits assistant, Personnel Office

I like it very much. I think VRS is a good opportunity for deaf and hearing people to communicate clearly.



Dr. Donald Ammons, professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

It's great! It cuts down on my wait time.



Wally Barretto, academic system programmer, Academic Technology

It's wonderful! Better technology will improve communication within the deaf community.


Charter Day Luncheon and Awards Program slated

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) and the Laurent Clerc Cultural Fund (LCCF) will host the 35th annual Charter Day Luncheon and Awards Program on Saturday, April 17 beginning at 11 a.m. in the historic Chapel Hall. Master of ceremonies will be Warren "Wawa" Snipe, an admissions counselor at Gallaudet.

The award recipients for this year are: Franklin C. Torres, G-'02 of Washington, D.C., GUAA Outstanding Young Alumnus Award; Michael Marzolf, '69, and Frances (Manzella) Marzolf, '69, of Virginia, GUAA Pauline "Polly" Peikoff, E-'36, "Service to Others" Award; Dr. Carol Padden and her husband, Dr. Tom Humphries, '68 of California, LCCF Laurent Clerc Award; Bert Pickell of California, LCCF Alice Cogswell Award; and Gary Klingensmith of Pennsylvania, LCCF Amos Kendall Award.

On April 16, there will be a joint presentation by Padden and Humphries in Ely Auditorium at 11 a.m. There is no charge and the campus community is invited.

In observance of the 140th anniversary of the April 8, 1864, Gallaudet charter that was signed by President Abraham Lincoln, there will be a special commemorative program in the Student Academic Center at 1 p.m. to unveil the replica of the Gallaudet charter. Check the GUAA website for changes or updates, <http://alumni.gallaudet.edu>

Advance reservations for the Saturday luncheon in Chapel Hall are required since seating is limited. For more information, call x5081 (TTY) or x5060 (Voice). Internet users can e-mail Daphne Cox at daphne.cox@gallaudet.edu. 



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Aunt Sophie,

What was the reasoning for Gallaudet being the only university to open that day a couple of weeks ago when we got more than five inches of snow? Who is responsible for this insane decision? Sure, President Jordan lives on campus so it wasn't a big deal to him, but I live way out in Howard County and driving here would have been crazy. So I didn't come in and had to take a day of annual leave. That's not fair. Gallaudet should have closed like the other schools in the area.

Really Hot 'n Bothered

Dear Aunt Sophie,

Are you calling the shots on University delays and cancellations? If not, could you find the culprit and knock some sense into him (or her)? Help us Old-time One, you're our only hope.

Skating to Campus

Dear RHN&STC,

First, *blame not* either your Dear Old Aunt or Dr. Jordan for the flawed decision to which you refer. It was not our call. Rather, the appropriate target of your grouching—and that of many others who share your analysis of the situation—is the "Goateed One," Vice President Paul Kelly. You may know that he hails from parts north of here where folks consider five inches of snow about as threatening as hummingbird spit.

But besides this crucial consid-

eration, there is another one of far greater consequence: the *Wuss Factor*. Apparently, *wussiness* (as in, "Wow, how *wussy* are George Washington, American, Catholic, Howard, UDC, Southeastern, University of Maryland! Closing just because of a little snow!") is a fatal condition to be avoided at all costs. One authority on the matter actually told Auntie that Gallaudet's original charter, signed by Honest Abe himself, contains a clause directing administrators to "be vigilant lest you fall into *wussiness*, thereby heaping disgrace upon this way-cool institution."

So, aren't you simply brimming with pride knowing that, at least when it comes to standing up to anything Mother Nature might throw at us, Gallaudet is *wuss-free*? Me neither.



Administration & Finance

Grad student designs winning logo




Vice President for Administration and Finance Paul Kelly hands the prize-winning gift certificate to Randall Hogue, a graduate student in the linguistics program who won the student contest for designing a campus recycling program logo (shown below). Also pictured is Sherri Fleishell, administrative assistant for Business and Support Services and recycling program coordinator.



Each January, just to make things interesting, Vice President for Administration and Finance Paul Kelly welcomes students to campus with a letter and a contest. One year, students were asked to guess the number of bricks in the SAC. Another year they were asked to guess the number of trees on Kendall Green.

This year, the focus was on the University's Recycling Program. Sherri Fleishell, administrative

assistant for Business and Support Services, has been coordinating the logistics of the program before actively advertising it to the campus community. The program needed a logo and a slogan—something that could be put on trash cans, T-shirts, and letterhead.

Kelly put the challenge of designing a logo out to the student body during the fall semester. Many creative and eye-catching designs were submitted, but the winning design was sent in by Randall Hogue, a graduate student in linguistics. He received a \$300 gift certificate to the Pentagon City Mall. When students returned to campus in January, they received Kelly's welcome letter, which debuted Hogue's recycle design. The design will be used widely as the recycling program is advertised this semester. Congratulations, Randall! 

Members of the campus community, including the Board of Trustees, had an opportunity to learn about Gallaudet's many programs and services to benefit the global deaf community February 5 at an International Projects Poster Session, sponsored by the Provost's Office, in the Kellogg Conference Hotel. Here (from left), Jasmin Simpson, president of the International Student Club, learns about the Costa Rica Semester Internship Program from Project Director Cristina Berdichevsky, Assistant Director Tashi Bradford, and former project participant Erickson Young. Other projects, and their Gallaudet representatives, were: Office of International Programs and Services; Center for Global Education, English Language Institute, International Services ("Bunmi Aina and Sharon Hayes), the International Development Certificate Program (Dr. Amy Wilson), the Campaign to Promote Thai Sign Language Nationally (Dr. Charles Reilly), the Vietnamese Sign Language Teacher Training Program (Dr. James Woodward, Dr. Mike Kemp, and Jean Gordon), the Intercultural Writing Project (Harry Markowicz), and Project Learning and Growing Together: Internationalizing Gallaudet University Curriculum (Dr. Simon Guteng). Board of Trustees President Glenn Anderson praised the poster session at the board's February 6 meeting, and added, "Gallaudet is clearly doing a great deal in terms of international work—impressively so."



CLAST Corner


The Social Work Department has expanded its internship program. Beginning January 2004, the MSW program launched its full-semester "block" internships to students who are doing their second practicum before they graduate. This shift from the current two-day-per-week model was well-supported by students, faculty, and CLAST Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Summer and Saturday @ Gallaudet Karen Kimmel.

Ten students are currently doing their placements in settings from Florida to Colorado. Last summer, one graduate student did a pilot

block internship in Guatemala.

Some examples of these placements are: The National Deaf Academy, Maryland School for the Deaf, Baltimore County Public Schools, the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, JFK Partners at the University of Colorado Health and Sciences Center, The Clerc Center, and GREAT DAY, Inc., (Georgia Resources—Education, Advocacy, and Treatment for Deaf Adults and Youth). The MSW program has also established internship agreements for future students with other programs in states including New York, Hawaii, Texas, New Mexico, and California.

This block model enhances the students' ability to learn social work practice skills in a concentrated block of time. They are also indicating significant gains as a result of a broader range of professional supervision opportunities. The current group of students has been in their field settings since the beginning of January. Their comments indicate that they find this practicum extremely favorable because of the continuity of experiences and exposure they are receiving.

Teresa Arcari, director of field placement, and Marcia Schweitzer, field specialist, indicate that they are pleased with the new field format and that they expect more internship opportunities to unfold, particularly in the area of international social work practice. 



Pictured at the first Staff Advisory Committee meeting of 2004 are members (from left, standing): Julie Johns (incoming), Oscar Ocutto (incoming), Agnes Muse (continuing), Stephany Galich (continuing), Denise LaRue (Ex Officio), Patti Kunkle (Ex Officio), Bev Hollrah (outgoing), Jimmy Lee (continuing), (seated) Michael Cooper (incoming), Bev Buchanan (incoming), Sue Hotto (outgoing), Marcia Schweitzer (outgoing), and Regina Weddington (continuing). (Not pictured are Sue Jacoby [outgoing] and Marc Schweitzer [continuing].)



CLERC CENTER HAPPENINGS

National Essay Contest judges announced

By Cathryn Carroll

The judges for this year's Gallaudet University National Essay Contest, sponsored by the Clerc Center in collaboration with the Department of Enrollment Services, have been selected.

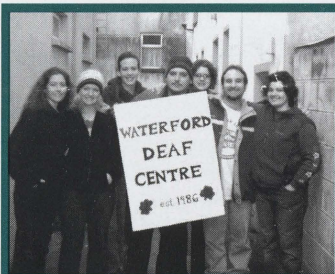
The judges are:

- **Dr. Ernest Hairston**, an education research analyst with the U.S. Department of Education. He earned his Ph.D. from Gallaudet and co-authored *Black and Deaf in America: Are We That Different?*
- **Dr. Lil Tompkins**, an associate professor in the Gallaudet University English Department. She earned her Ph.D. from Gallaudet and has written extensively on the education of deaf children.
- **David Tossman**, coordinator of the Gallaudet University Visitors Center. He worked for several years as a writer for *On the Green* and *Gallaudet Today*.
- **Chris Heuer**, an instructor in

the Gallaudet University English Department. He is a published poet and the author of the "Man on the Street" column in *The Tactile Mind Weekly*, and of *All Your Parts Intact: Poems*.

"Our contest depends on the participation of generous individuals such as our contest judges," said Clerc Center Dean Katherine A. Jankowski. "These are people with demonstrated skills in writing and scholarship. And as such, they serve as excellent role models for the student contestants."

The theme of the sixth annual essay contest, "Random Acts of Kindness," originated through the work of Dr. Jane Nickerson, associate professor of English, and Dr. Karen Kimmel, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies (CLAST) Academic Departments and Summer and Saturday @ Gallaudet, who have written *World Around You's* "Teacher's Guide" for several years. **G**



Robert Traina, coordinator of community service programs, and six Gallaudet students participated in a Habitat for Humanity International project in Waterford, Ireland, January 2 to 12. The group worked at the Waterford Deaf Centre, doing general repairs, painting the clubroom, and creating a new welcome sign for the facility. The group also provided companionship and playing cards to deaf

senior citizens at the Catholic Institute of the Deaf in Dublin. Pictured at the Centre are (from left): Melissa Malzkahn, Rachel Smith, Erin Moran, Jason Trzebny, Cheryl Small, Traina, and Sarah Hrycenko.

New wireless network system in place on campus

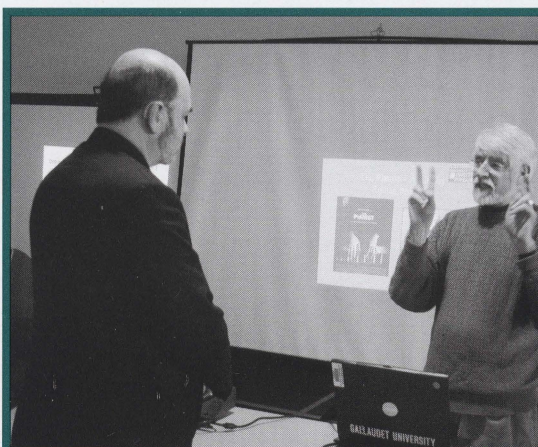
Gallaudet has deployed Airespace, Inc., of San Jose, Calif., as a strategic platform for the delivery of Wireless LAN services, according to *Business Wire*, an international media relations and press release distribution wire service. By providing students, faculty, and guests with a WLAN platform for the delivery of data and video applications, Gallaudet is furthering the educational experience, allowing students and faculty to learn, collaborate, and share information securely, and with complete mobility.

Meloyde Batten-Mickens, technology infrastructure manager in the University's Information Technology Services, is quoted as saying, "We were interested in a wireless product that incorporated a strong security scheme with technical stability, ease of setup into our network, minimal maintenance, and thorough customer service; our Technical staff found all of this with Airespace. From a management perspective, the Airespace system was most appealing because it offered a complete hardware and

software package with built-in options for the future."

Initial deployment of the Airespace solution began at Gallaudet in September with the installation of 63 Access Points (APs) across nine campus buildings. In subsequent months, the network deployment has grown to include over 150 APs serving 32 buildings at the University and the Clerc Center.

"Gallaudet is an exceptional institution that is constantly striving to deliver the best educational experience to its guests and constituents," according to a *Business Wire* quote from Alan Cohen, vice president of marketing at Airespace, which is described on the company's website as a designer and developer of wireless networking infrastructures that enable business critical-applications. "Airespace is pleased to be working with the university to deliver wireless services that are easy to manage and robust enough to handle the rigors of this world-class organization." **G**



Associate professor of English Harry Markowicz explains to Contracts and Purchasing Manager Michael Lockhart the Intercultural Writing Project, a collaboration between Gallaudet students in

English courses and students training to become English teachers at Talpiot College in Tel Aviv, Israel. Markowicz's project was one of the examples of innovative technology that Gallaudet faculty members are using that were on display at the e-Curriculum Showcase in the Student Union Building on February 3. The showcase is the result of a two-week faculty training each summer. For information, go to <http://learntech.gallaudet.edu/ecurriculum>. The showcase was sponsored by Academic Technology.

Board of Trustees

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into the next fiscal year. In the past, operating budgets had to be spent within the current fiscal year, meaning that administrators tended to try to use up all of their budgeted funding before year's end. The new policy will give the Gallaudet administration more flexibility to plan for spending on longer term projects or more expensive equipment. The new policy also requires that any funding that is carried over must be spent in the next fiscal year.

The board also welcomed new member L. Richard "Dick" Kinney, partner and principal of Legacy Wealth Management, LLC, to his first meeting. The board learned that one of its members, William Kennard, former chair of the Federal Communications Commission, had to step down from the board due to job and travel obligations that have not allowed him to attend board meetings and fulfill his responsibilities as a board member. Dr. Jordan added that Kennard has stated his ongoing commitment to Gallaudet and will do all he can to further its mission. **G**

CAMPUS CALENDAR

February

19-21—MSSD Winter Dance Concert, "Infinity Modern Dance," cost is \$8 adults and \$7 students and senior citizens (ID required), Elstad Auditorium, Thursday, 10-11:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday, 8-10 p.m.; Southeast Regional Academic Bowl, Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, Clarkston, Ga.

25-29—Western Regional Academic Bowl, California School for the Deaf, Riverside, Ca.

27—Interpretation Lecture Series, "Identity Work in Interpreter-Mediated Interaction: the Talk Show and the Doctor-Patient Call as Cases in Point", presenter: Dr. Cecilia Wadensjö, Department of Communication Studies at Linköping University, Sweden, SAC 1011, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

March

1—Last day for Graduate students to change courses to audit status.

1-5—Midterm week

5—Undergraduate Open House, Kellogg Conference Hotel, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

26, 27—"The Healing Power of Dance," Gallaudet Dance Company's 49th Spring Dance Concert, Elstad Auditorium, March 26 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on the 26th, 8 p.m. on the 27th, tickets are \$10 adults, \$3 students, children, and senior citizens, and free for Gallaudet students with ID, call x5493 or x5491.

Festival selects student's film

Junior Jose Saldana's newest film, *Cellar*, has been selected as one of the nine best student-directed films in 2004 by the DC Independent Film Festival, which will be held March 4-11.

At age 29, Saldana has already produced 17 short films and videos. *Cellar* is a 30-minute film that tells the story of a deaf man who buys a row house in Philadelphia, Pa. Shortly after he moves into the house, he decides to take a look at the basement, but when he opens the door to the stairway leading to the cellar he is met by a disgusting odor. Nevertheless he descends to the basement and notices a large crate tucked away in an old coal storage bin. Later that night, something horrible happens and the man realizes that the cause is directly related to the mysterious crate.

Saldana, a Philadelphia native, attended the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. It was there that his love for story-writing blossomed. He has written over 80 short stories and had developed several ASL stories. He first became fascinated with films as a student at MSSD when for the first time he watched the movie, *Lawrence of Arabia*. Later, as a student at the Rochester Institute of Technology, he took several film classes and was on his way. **G**



During a February 9 meeting of ISIS (Integrated Student Information Services group), Dr. Nancy Carroll (left), University registrar and former ISIS chair, receives a plaque for leading the group for approximately two years from current chair Brenda Bishop, PeopleSoft functional analyst in Information Technology Service. ISIS meets on a regular basis to resolve data process and integration issues. Its members represent various departments from the University and the Clerc Center.

New edition of mental health services directory available

Providing appropriate mental health services to deaf individuals has always posed a challenge for professionals in the field. The developers in the Department of Counseling of the *Mental Health Services for Deaf People: A Resource Directory* (2003 edition) believe that this resource represents a significant step towards improved accessibility and accountability in the field. The revised edition contains a comprehensive listing of over 150 programs in the United States and Canada that provide mental health services to deaf individuals. The directory is \$14.95 per copy and can be ordered through the Gallaudet Research Institute. For more information, go to <http://gri.gallaudet.edu/publications/index.html>. **G**